

B2 19 (Once amended). The method of claim 18, wherein said inert gas of said inert gas blanket is provided from separation of air with a membrane-containing device.

20 (Once amended). The method of claim 19, wherein said oleaginous liquid substance is an engine oil; said machine is [the] said internal combustion engine, and it is necessary to change the engine oil of the crankcase owing to the control of oxidative degradation of the engine oil, and the engine oil is changed, only after at least twenty thousand miles of use [or more] in the crankcase of said internal combustion engine.

Cancel without prejudice or disclaimer claims 21-37.

Add claims 38-53:

B3 -- 38. The method of claim 16, wherein said working machine is selected from the group consisting of a machine selected from the group consisting of an airplane, a land vehicle, a watercraft, a lawn mower, an electrical generator, and a welder, which has a liquid fuel tank protected by said inert gas blanket wherein the liquid fuel tank stores fuel for consumption by the airplane, the land vehicle, the watercraft; a transmission box; a gear box, which is not a transmission box; a hydraulic brake system; a machine selected from the group consisting of an aircraft, a watercraft, a land motor vehicle, a lawn mower, an electrical generator, and a welder, which is powered by power selected from the group selected from the group consisting of combustible fuel and electricity, and which has an electric wire raceway protected by said inert gas blanket; an internal combustion engine having a crankcase for holding a supply of lubricant, wherein said oleaginous substance is present in the crankcase as the

lubricant; and a combination thereof.

39. The method of claim 38, wherein said working machine is selected from the group consisting of said transmission box and said gear box.

40. The method of claim 38, wherein said working machine is said machine having said protected liquid fuel tank.

41. The method of claim 38, wherein said working machine is said machine having said protected electric wire raceway.

42. The method of claim 16, wherein said inert gas of said inert gas blanket is provided from separation of air with a membrane-containing device.

43. The method of claim 39, wherein said inert gas of said inert gas blanket is provided from separation of air with a membrane-containing device.

44. The method of claim 40, wherein said inert gas of said inert gas blanket is provided from separation of air with a membrane-containing device.

45. The method of claim 41, wherein said inert gas of said inert gas blanket is provided from separation of air with a membrane-containing device.

46. The method of claim 19, wherein gas enriched with nitrogen provides said inert gas blanket, and by-product gas enriched with oxygen is delivered for consumption to a location selected from the group consisting of another part of the machine and a passenger cabin space.

47. The method of claim 42, wherein gas enriched with nitrogen provides said inert gas blanket, and by-product gas enriched with oxygen is delivered for consumption to a location

selected from the group consisting of another part of the machine and a passenger cabin space.

48. The method of claim 44, wherein gas enriched with nitrogen provides said inert gas blanket, and by-product gas enriched with oxygen is delivered for consumption to a location selected from the group consisting of another part of the machine and a passenger cabin space.

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49. The method of claim 45, wherein gas enriched with nitrogen provides said inert gas blanket, and by-product gas enriched with oxygen is delivered for consumption to a location selected from the group consisting of another part of the machine and a passenger cabin space.

50. A method for controlling oxidative degradation of an engine oil in a crankcase of an internal combustion engine, which comprises providing said engine; providing said engine oil to said crankcase; and providing an inert gas blanket to said crankcase.

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51. The method of claim 50, wherein it is necessary to change the engine oil of said crankcase owing to the control of oxidative degradation of said engine oil, and said engine oil is changed, only after at least twenty thousand miles of use.

52. The method of claim 51, wherein it is necessary to change the engine oil of said crankcase owing to the control of oxidative degradation of said engine oil, and said engine oil is ~~changed, only after at least fifty thousand miles of use.~~

53. The method of claim 52, wherein said inert gas of said inert gas blanket is provided from separation of air with a membrane-containing device.